

# WICHITA AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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## Minutes of Meeting May 26, 2005

### Attendance

#### *Members Present:*

Harold Warner, Vice-Chair  
James Barfield  
Darrell Downing  
Frank Garofalo  
Ronald Marnell  
M.S. Mitchell  
Clark Nelson  
Jay Banasiak  
Dee Stuart  
Bob Aldrich  
Elizabeth Bishop

#### *Members Absent:*

Morris Dunlap, Chair  
Bud Hentzen  
John McKay  
Denise Sherman  
James Ford  
James (Jim) Singletary  
Gary K. Gibbs  
Bill Johnson  
Chris Herrick *Ex Officio Member*

#### *Others Attending:*

John Schlegel, Director, MAPD  
Jamsheed Mehta, MAPD  
Nancy Harvieux, MAPD  
Bhupendra Patel, MAPD  
Aprajet Desai, MAPD  
Purab Adabala, M APD  
Aruna Reddi, MAPD  
Srikanth Yamala, MAPD  
Margie Norton, KDOT

1. Call meeting to order – Chairman, WAMPO.

The meeting was called to order by Harold Warner Jr., Vice-Chair of the Metropolitan Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, held in the Planning Department Conference Room, 10<sup>th</sup> floor, City Hall, 455 N Main, Wichita KS. Mr. Warner introduced new members, Dee Stuart, Mayor of Park City and Bob Aldrich, newly appointed Planning Commissioner.

***ACTION: Mr. Warner recommended Item # 4 be postponed and taken out of order for the lack of a quorum. It was agreed upon unanimously.***

2. Approval of Minutes of the May 12, 2005 meeting.

Mr. Warner asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Mr. Garofalo noted a correction to the spelling of a name. The minutes were approved with the correction.

***ACTION: Mr. Marnell motioned to approve the May 12, 2005 Minutes. Mr. Garofalo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

3. Public Hearing - Intelligent Transportation System / Regional Architecture Volumes 2 & 3, recommended adoption, presentation by Jamsheed Mehta.

Mr. Mehta gave a brief overview of the ITS/RA for the new members. He explained it is a federal requirement any ITS/RA Project in the MPO receiving federal funds must conform to the Regional ITS Architecture. Projects in the planning area should be reflected in the Long Range Plan. Once funding becomes available the project(s) then are programmed and placed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Mehta reminded the Policy Body they have already approved Volume 1 of the Regional Architecture.

Mr. Warner opened the Public Hearing for comments from the public. Receiving no comments, he closed the Public Hearing bringing it back to the Policy Body for action.

**(This item was presented after Item 4 due to a lack of quorum. Once a quorum was present, Mr. Warner asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes, the minutes were approved as presented).**

***ACTION: Mr. Marnell motioned to approve the Intelligent Transportation System/Regional Architecture Volumes 2 & 3. Mr. Garofalo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

Mr. Garofalo asked Mr. Mehta if the money would be a part of the Capital Improvement Program?

Mr. Mehta answered yes, and explained that each agency would place the projects in their respective CIP's.

4. Long Range Transportation Plan 2030 Update.

Mr. Mehta highlighted the draft Goals and Objectives of the plan, explaining that the 1999 goals were used as a guideline. The draft goals are developed by keeping the old plan in mind and integrating new information.

Mr. Mehta discussed the items that were relevant to issues and concerns from the last Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Advisory Committee meeting. **(2030 LRTP Proposed Goals & Objectives #3.2, the first bullet, #5.1 the second bullet, and #6.2)**

Mr. Mehta covered the federal emphasis areas and described how these should relate to the goals in the development of a Long-Range Transportation Plan. The TEA-21 Table is used as a support document to assure each goal fits into the emphasis areas outlined in the federal regulations.

An overview of the proposed Table of Contents and a tentative project schedule for completion of the LRTP Update were presented.

Policy Body members were advised staff would be presenting a draft Long-Range Transportation Plan in the future. Staff advised the Comment and Review Period will follow that meeting. It is expected that staff will return with the final draft of the LRTP in August with a recommendation to adopt the draft from the LRTP Advisory Committee. Mr. Mehta invited the WAMPO Policy Body to the public meeting at the Sedgwick Co Extension Center being held that evening.

***ACTION: No action required***

Mr. Warner announced for the record that we now have a quorum; Item # 3 was taken out of order for lack of a quorum, requiring no action. Upon completion of this item, we will return to other items # 2, 3 and 5.

5. Other items.

Mr. Mehta announced the WAMPO area has been awarded 6 of the 11 projects submitted for Transportation Enhancement funding for 2006-2007. The total award was 3.2 million dollars in federal funds (75% of the total project costs). Pedestrian Bicycle Trails in Goodard, Andover, Derby and Wichita, reconstruction of the Historic Minisa Bridge, and a runoff project in Colwich were funded and the total cost for all projects is 4.4 million dollars. The program has gone to an annual award, therefore staff will begin the process later this summer to accept applications and will be coming to the Policy Body later in the year to present the projects. Projects that were not funded in the past can be resubmitted.

Mr. Warner asked if there a system of priority on these projects or do you do them when the funds come in for each particular project? Mr. Mehta advised projects compete at the State level. He stated that each year the projects compete against each other and there is no priority set by either the MPO or the State. Neither the projects carried over to the next year. Mr. Garofalo asked when the funds will be available? Mr. Mehta advised the funds will be available later in the year and will not have close dates.

6. Adjournment.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

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Sedgwick County    ) <sup>SS</sup>

I, John L. Schlegel, Director of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Organization, do hereby certify that the foregoing copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, held on \_\_\_\_\_, is a true and correct copy of the minutes officially approved by the Policy Body.

Given under my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

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John L. Schlegel, Director  
Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan  
Area Planning Department

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